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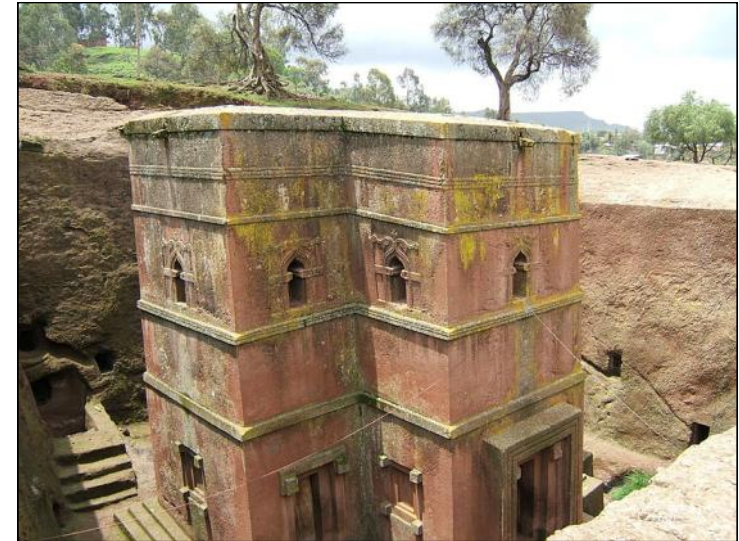
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Spotlight on: Lalibela

Lalibela is a town in northern Ethiopia that is famous for its monolithic rock-cut churches. Lalibela is one of Ethiopia's holiest cities, second only to Aksum, and is a center of pilgrimage for much of the country. Unlike Aksum, the population of Lalibela is almost completely Ethiopian Orthodox Christian. This rural town is known around the world for its churches carved from the living rock, which play an important part in the history of rock-cut architecture. There are 11 churches, assembled in four groups, located close to one another.

There is some controversy as to when some of the churches were constructed. Though the dating of the churches is not well established, most are thought to have been built during the reign of Lalibela, namely during the 12th and 13th centuries. Since the time spent to carve these structures from the living rock must have taken longer than the few decades of King Lalibela's reign, some assume that the work extended into the 14th century.

Source: Wikipedia



Church of Saint George

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Cars for Sale

2007 4 Runner imported duty free in 2010 in excellent condition, runs great with no mechanical problems, automatic transmission, A/C, 4WD, power locks and windows, and third row seating. Price: \$22,500. Vehicle will be ready for delivery mid-August 2013. Please contact Michael at 09300004069 or 0923088462.

2010 Nissan Murano, driven for two years, miles driven: 19,000 kilometer, Engine-V6, CC-3.0, sun-roof, 4 door black leather interior, cruise control, AC, Automatic transmission, central lock system, 6 CD changer, hand free phone system, Price: \$30,000 or best offer (finishing tour so must sell!!). If interested in buying please contact Solomon at 911507871.

2003 Hyundai Santa Fe GLS. 106,000 miles—fewer than 5,000 Addis miles. Excellent condition. 3.5L V-6. All-wheel drive with traction control. Seats five very comfortably. Power locks and windows. Automatic transmission. Leather seats (heated in front), two-way sun roof, 6-CD changer. Cold A/C, if you ever need it. Rear seats fold down (60-40) to haul your stuff. Serviced by Embassy mechanics. Recently replaced wiper blades, rear struts, oil, air and fuel filters. Two extra brand new tires, full-size spare, six new spark plugs, five quarts of oil and one last oil filter. \$10,000 duty free. Contact manyafan@hotmail.com

Staff Recommendations

Housekeeper

NEW! Askale has worked as my housekeeper and cook for the past two years in Addis. She speaks English very well and is a very good cook, who

can make a wide variety of cuisine, including Indian, Italian, French. She helped me host some small dinner parties from start to finish and is very hard working. She is very loyal and dutiful about keeping track of all my household valuables. She has many years experience, and if I come back to Ethiopia, I would love to hire her again. She is honest, punctual and always smiling. If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at DSGMerton@gmail.com or please contact her directly at 0912006753 and let her know Darrow put you in touch.

NEW! Mrs. Zewdie Hussein (telephone: 0113725412) has over 14 years of experience working with U.S. Embassy families and has worked with us for over a year. She has proven to be an excellent staff and it was a pleasure working with her from September 2011 to June 2012.

Mrs. Hussein was considered our head cook, house keeper and nanny among the staff. She provided excellent leadership when interacting with the Embassy staff on maintenance repairs, shopping and preparing food. She was very clean, knowledgeable when preparing meals and is an excellent cook. She was very loyal and honest and available when needed. She also displayed pleasant attitude and worked well with the other staff. She was highly admired among her peers, and we welcomed her as family. Recommended by Michael and Rosetta Holland.

Our housekeeper, Betty, is looking for additional days to fill her week. She is currently available all day on Tuesday and Friday mornings. If you need more time, we can work with you to adjust schedules. Betty has great English, is trustworthy, is an excellent housekeeper, does laundry and ironing, and is very good at remembering and follow-

ing your directions. You can call her directly at 091-145-5768 or contact tahravose@yahoo.com for more info.

Selame has been our housekeeper for over a year. She is very dependable, thorough and conscientious. She has been very flexible when we've had to adjust her schedule. Her English skills are limited, but once she understands our quirks, she follows through with great results. We have worked with several members of Selame's family and have been impressed with the family's work ethic and dedication. We have no hesitation recommending her for employment. Please contact her brother Melaku (a current U.S. Embassy Addis motor pool employee) at 0911688846. Recommended by Jeffrey Wright.

Belaynesh is a great person to have working in your home. She was great with my daughter. She was a great cook, and my daughter loves injera now! She would do shopping, errands, pick her up from school, and meet me anywhere I asked her. She took care of the laundry also, washing everything... She cooked, cleaned... and was extremely reliable. She never missed a day. She met me at the clinic when my daughter was sick! I wish I could take her home with me!! In summary if you can hire Belaynesh, you should. She lives near the Swedish Clinic and Old Airport so would like to remain in that area. Contact her at 0911165562. Recommended by Brenda Sue Thornton.

I highly recommend Amelework Bezabhi. She has worked in our house for a very short time, but has proved to be an excellent cleaner who is a self-starter. She cleaned the house, vegetables, laundered and ironed clothes, and

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assisted with caring for our two toddlers when they returned from daycare. Amelework speaks basic English but can be contacted through her sister, Mulu, at 0911760033. For additional information, please contact Mary at McConnellDM@gmail.com.

Nanny

I highly recommend Mulu Bezabhi. She has been excellent at caring for our infant and two toddlers. She has worked for three other American families with small children and came highly recommended. She made lunch for the kids and occasionally prepped dinner for me. She makes great pizza too! Please contact Mary at McConnellDM@gmail.com or contact Mulu direct at 0911760033.

Nanny, housekeeper, cooker, helper and organizer is looking for a job. Belaynesh has worked for many US Embassy families and has worked for me since January. I have a seven year old daughter at ICS and she is 100% reliable on picking her up, etc. She is also very flexible and works late sometimes and spends the night when I travel. She cooks, cleans, does laundry, does shopping, etc. Her number is 0911165562. My number is 0911506839 if you would like more information. She prefers working in the Old Airport area as she lives near the Swedish Clinic, but is open to working anywhere. Recommended by Brenda Sue Thornton.

Highly recommended Housekeeper/Cook/Nanny. Mulu Hailemariam worked for us since October 2012 and has done exceptional work in

cooking, cleaning and providing childcare for our family. Mulu has carried out her work with care, professionalism and skill and always available when needed. She is honest, kind, and a good communicator and listener. We highly recommend her. She is available to start part-time in July/full time in mid August. Please contact her directly at 091-399-2845 or contact Michael at HollandMM1@state.gov and Rosetta at HolandRZ@state.gov for more information.

Highly recommended Nanny/Cook/Housekeeper. Eritiban Kume is certified in childcare and has done exceptional work in caring for our three children since December 2011. She is a good cook and an excellent housekeeper. She speaks English well and is honest, a good listener, pleasant, professional, and always available when needed. She has experience with caring for foreign families with infants, toddlers, and children. We highly recommend her. She is available to start full time in mid August. Please contact her directly at 091-390-2522 or contact Michael at HollandMM1@state.gov or Rosetta at HolandRZ@state.gov for more information.

Day guard/Gardener

I wish to highly recommend Gezaw Mekonnen (tel 0911648773) as a day guard and gardener. Gezaw has worked at my house for four years and has been extremely reliable, hardworking, and honest. His gardening ability is considered one of the best and he always managed to keep a productive vegetable and herb garden going at the two houses I occupied. He knows how to prune and select plants resulting in a colorful and attractive flower garden year round. Also, the grass is always neatly trimmed. He has also been extremely kind and gentle with my two cats, who

follow Gezaw around the yard all day. He is currently studying automotive repair at a technical college. Gezaw is extremely pleasant and enjoyable to engage with and has served US Embassy households for at least six years now. I highly recommend him to serve in a similar capacity for any expat and believe he has considerable potential to do even more. Recommended by Tom Kenyan.

Yohannes is the hardest working gardener we've ever had! He simply knows what to do without being asked; Washing the car, cutting the grass, walking the dog, dusting the outdoor tables, watering plants, and he cleans the bikes once a week too. He patiently waits for our arrival at the house and opens the heavy gate right away, it's better than having an automatic garage door opener! He's never missed a day of work and gets along easily with others. His English language ability is simple but effective. What he doesn't have in English skills he more than makes up for in everything else he offers. Yohannes is very kind, patient, and is caring with our children too. You won't regret hiring Yohannes! Call Cherice at 011-372-7859 to come by our house and meet Yohannes.

Driver

NEW! Tamerat Wube has worked for me as a private driver since January of 2009, and he has performed his duties with outstanding dedication and integrity. He brings to his work a personal dedication to perform his duties to the best of his abilities. He periodically performs maintenance checks on the car to ensure its reliability on the road, and he ensures that the car's appearance is clean and ready for work. He utilized the defensive driving

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skills taught by the Regional Security Officer Division at the U.S. Embassy. He is vigilant of roadside safety techniques needed to ensure a pleasant riding experience. Tamerat places passenger and vehicle safety at the forefront of his driving responsibilities. Tamerat can be reached at 0911409986.

Recommended by L. Battle.

Nejat is dependable, reliable, nice, trustworthy and flexible. He is a great, very cautious driver and I always felt safe with him and I felt that my daughter was in great hands when with him. He would communicate well, always answering my texts and phone calls. I will miss Nejat when back in the United States. I highly recommend him for work. 0911648276 Recommended by Brenda Sue Thornton.

Massage Therapist.

NEW! I am very happy to recommend a massage therapist who has been coming to my house for massages over the last few years. Her name is Hiwot, and she is definitely the best one I have found in Addis Ababa. She is also very discreet. Hiwot has been working for many years for expatriates both in Addis Ababa, as well as in Ghana. You can call her at 0912-284502. Recommended by Ann-Christin Anderson

Miscellaneous for sale

Treadmill for sale: NordicTrack C1750, purchased new in summer 2012. Up to 12 MPH and

a range of 15% incline to -3% decline. 7" video screen, wifi-enabled, built-in Android OS with Google Maps compatibility. Folds vertically for easy storage. Retails for USD 3,000 new, selling for USD 1,700 OBO. For details, email GreggSJ@state.gov.

Nikon D600 full-frame digital camera in very good condition. Includes 24-85mm f/3.5-4.5G ED VR Lens (retails for \$600 separately), 32GB memory card, and monopod. Asking \$2200. For details, email sladed@gmail.com

Acer Black 32" HDMI LCD TV 1920 x 1080. For details, contact sladed@gmail.com

Miscellaneous

Taxes for FS Families

Brenner & Elsea-Mandojana, LLC

www.globaltaxconsult.com, is a professional services firm that specializes in the tax, financial planning and business advisory needs of U.S. expatriates. Managing member, Jim Brenner, CPA/ABV, has been a certified public accountant for over 30 years; managing member Christine Elsea-Mandojana, CPA, CFP® has been a certified public accountant for 18 years and is a Foreign Service spouse; and Senior Associate, Cheryl Monticello, CPA has been a certified public accountant for 13 years and is also a Foreign Service spouse. The firm provides U.S. individual tax planning, tax preparation, and business consulting services tailored to the needs of the U.S. expatriates. Please email inquiries to info@globaltaxconsult.com.

Tel: (281) 360-2800 and Fax: (281) 359-6080.

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Wanted

Bilingual English-Amharic volunteer interpreter needed for one day a week with an American volunteer pediatrician who will see patients in a charity clinic in Kolfe slum. If interested please email Dr. Joyce Hooley at jhooleyg@gmail.com.

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